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GREENWOOD MAN SENTENCED FOR 1968 MURDER OF NAVY SHIPMATE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Greenwood, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for murdering a shipmate while serving aboard a Navy vessel in the Phillippines in 1968.

Michael Edward LeBrun, 60, of Greenwood, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to four years in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 8, 2005, **LeBrun** pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter. **LeBrun** admitted that he killed Andrew Lee Muns when Muns caught him stealing money from a safe while serving aboard the USS Cacapon, a refueling vessel anchored in the Phillippines on Jan. 17, 1968. **LeBrun**, petty officer second class, worked as a supply clerk. Ensign Muns, who was **LeBrun's** superior officer and the ship's payroll officer, confronted **LeBrun** in the early morning hours while **LeBrun** was stealing \$8,600 from the safe located in the disbursement office of the USS Cacapon.

When Muns told **LeBrun** he was going to report the theft to Naval authorities, Graves said, an argument ensued and **LeBrun** killed Muns by striking, choking and strangling him.

This case was prosecuted by U.S. Attorney Todd P. Graves and Deputy U.S. Attorney Matt J. Whitworth. It was investigated by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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